DIEV ET MON DROIT.

¶ By the King.

A Proclamation declaring his Maieſties pleaſure concerning Captaine Roger North, and thoſe who are gone foorth as aduenturers with him.

WHereas Roger North Eſquier, with diuers others of Our Subiects, as Aduenturers for the intended Plantation and ſetling of Trade and Commerce in thoſe parts of the Continent of America neare and about the Riuer of Amazones (Which were preſuppoſed not to be vnder the obedience and gouernement of any other Chriſtian Prince or State) hath ſecretly conueyed himſelfe away, and hath diſloyally precipitated and imbarqued himſelfe, and his fellowes, and ſodainly ſet to Sea with a pretended purpoſe to proſecute that deſigne, contrary to Our Royal pleaſure and Commandement expreſly ſignified vnto him by one of Our principall Secretaries, Our Admirall of England hauing alſo refuſed him leaue to go: We then hauing out of weighty conſiderations, & reaſon of State, & vpon the deliberate aduiſe of Our Priuy-Councell reſolued to ſuſpend and reſtraine the ſaid Plantation & voyage for a time, and hauing therevpon ſtreightly charged & commanded him the ſaid North vpon his duty & aleageance, that hee and his Aſſociates ſhould for a While ſurceaſe their Proviſions, and ſhould ſtay themſelues and their Shipping, which they had already prepared, vntill Our further pleaſure ſhould be made knowen vnto them.

Wee haue therefore held it fit hereby to make a publique Declaration of our vtter miſlike and diſauowement of this their raſh, vndutiful and inſolent attempt; and do hereby reuoke, annihilate and diſanull all Power, Authority, iuriſdiction, or Commiſſion whatſoeuer, which he the ſaid North, or any of his Complices may pretend in any ſort to derive & hold from or vnder Vs; and do hereby charge aſwell him the ſaid North, as all his Companions and followers, immediately vpon the firſt notice that ſhall be giuen him or them of this Our pleaſure, that they ſhall make their ſpeedie returne directly home, with all their ſhipping and munitions into this Our Kingdome of England, aſſoone as the Windes and weather ſhall permit them; and being heere arriued ſhall foorthwith preſent themſelues in perſon vn-

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to some of Our Priuie Councel, vnder paine of being heereby declared guiltie of high contempt and rebellion, in case they shall disobey this Our expresse commandement.

And Wee doe further heereby straitly require and charge aswell the Gouernours, as all other the Partenors and Aduenturers, any wayes concerned, or interested as members of the Companie and Incorporation intended for that Plantation, as all other Merchants, Captaines, Masters, & Officers, of Ships, Saylors, Marriners, and all other our louing subiects Whatsoeuer, that they shall in no sort ayd or abette, nor comfort him the said North, nor any of his Complices with any supply of shipping, men, money, munition, victuals, merchandise, or other commodities or necessaries whatsoeuer: but that aswell all and euery Our Admirals, Vice-Admirals, and other Our Officers and Commanders of Our Ships, or Pinnaces, as all other Captaines and Masters of any of Our subiects ships and vessels whatsoeuer, that shall happen to meete with him the saide North, or any of his Company at sea, or in any Harbour, Port, or Creeke whereseoeuer, shall in Our Name attach, seize, and summon him, or them, and their shipping, to returne immediately home, and shall foorthwith bring them backe to some of our Ports of this Our Kingdome, and there commit them and their Ships to the charge of such our Officers, as it shall respectiuely appertaine vnto, vntill Wee (hauing receiued information of their such returne, which Wee will expect from Our said Officers, who shall so stand incharged with them) shall giue further order concerning them, aswell their persons as their shipping and munitions. Wherein Wee doe expresly charge and command aswell him the said North, and all his Company, Abettors, & Adherents, and all the rest of that Company and Incorporation intended, as all and euery other Our Officers by Land or Sea, and all other Captaines, Masters, and Marriners in any of Our subiects ships, & all other Our louing subiects Whatsoeuer, faithfully, diligently, and carefully to obserue, doe, and performe in their seuerall qualities and places, that which wee haue heereby required of them, according to euery of their duties, charges, and imployments, vpon paine of our high displeasure and indignation, and as they will answere the contrarie at their vttermost perill.

Giuen at Our Manour of Greenwich this fifteenth day of May, in the eighteenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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